(b) the number of suicide-deaths by farmers during 2005-06 in the country and in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) There is no proposal to privide interest free loans to agriculturists.

(b) Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Cases of suicide by farmers in the country during 2005-06

SI.No	. Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2004-05 (from 14.05.2005 to 11.11.2005)	1068
2.	Karnataka	2005-06 (upto 28.3.2006)	124
3	Maharashtra	2005	142
4.	Punjab	2005-06 (upto 30.6.2005)	Nil
5.	Kerala	2005	21
6.	Orissa	2005-06 (01.03.2005 to 30.09.2005)	5
7.	Gujarat	2005	1

Suicides by poultry farmers of Maharashtra

2886. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers committed suicides in various States since January, 2006, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some poultry farmers in Maharashtra have also committed suicides after running up major debts because of tumbling poultry prices caused by bird flue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) As per the reports received from the State Governments,

there has been no information of poultry farmers committing suicide since January 2006. However, as per report of the Andhra Pradesh Poultry Federation, four poultry farmers have committed suicide during March-May 2006.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Measures for prevention of suicides by farmers

†2887. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to focus permanent measures to prevent suicides by farmers, he had convened a meeting in the recent past with the Chief Ministers of those States where farmers under the pressure of debt had committed suicides during the last years;

(b) if so, the names of those States whose Chief Ministers attended the said meeting;

(c) whether some Chief Ministers of those States where farmers had committed suicides did not attend the meeting;

(d) if so, the names of those States;

(e) the outcome of the meeting; and

(f) whether Government propose to provide any special package for these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Karnataka and Kerala.

(e) and (f) Based on the suggestions/feedback received in this meeting,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.